

Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling Commissioners' Meeting
March 3, 2015
9:30 AM

MINUTES

Call To Order - Hoffman, Chair

Roll Call: Hoffman, Bruder, Anselmo, Holt, Canada, Scoville present; Leckband, Teutsch, Lutz absent

Minutes Approve: Hoffman motion, Holt second - Hoffman, Bruder, Anselmo, Holt, Canada, Scoville

Agenda #1: Director's Report - Status of legislation, appropriations, current finances of GAP

When we have an increase in demand for services, same or less dollars coming in, more certified counselors coming on board: What is the strategy? We cannot fund with existing appropriations and revenue stream the increase in demand for services, increase in counselors and regions served.

Question of Commission: To pursue all revenue and appropriations avenues to develop sustainable funding for GAP programs. Commission consensus to proceed

Agenda #2: Proposed Contract Amendments

Spence Counseling - to increase contract award by \$25,000 for therapy services in Omaha, Fremont and South Sioux City, O'Neill from direct outreach. Hoffman Motion to approve, Holt Second - AYE: Hoffman, Holt, Canada, Bruder, Anselmo, Scoville - APPROVED

Crossroads Resources - to increase contract award for \$10,000 and \$4,000 for mileage reimbursement for therapy services from direct outreach. Hoffmann motion to approve, Scoville second - AYE: Hoffman, Holt, Canada, Bruder, Anselmo, Scoville - APPROVED

Choices - to increase contract award for \$30,000 for therapy services. Hoffman motion to approve, Anselmo second - AYE: Hoffman, Holt, Canada, Bruder, Anselmo, Scoville - APPROVED

Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling (NCCG) - approve current contract as now drafted to increase online training offered by Bellevue University up to ten per presentation, 19 weeks at a time, capped at \$60,000. Anselmo motion to approve, Canada second - AYE: Hoffman, Holt, Canada, Bruder, Anselmo, Scoville - APPROVED

NCCG - to approve and award contract of \$45,000 to develop four-year online training program package, at no cost to participants, through Bellevue University for education and outreach for six programs of problem gambling that could be used for CEUs for clergy, religious organizations and criminal justice as well as four online CEU programs imposed on providers

through 2019. Marketing and distribution of programs are available to providers. Holt motion to approve, Anselmo second - AYE: Hoffman, Holt, Canada, Bruder, Anselmo, Scoville - APPROVED

Agenda #3: New Contracts

SnitilyCarr: to award contract up to \$40,000 to develop GAP campaign toolkit for provider use and customization by June 30, 2015, materials, and to develop an overarching campaign message and tactics, using provider input. Hoffman motion to approve, Canada second - AYE: Hoffman, Holt, Canada, Bruder, Anselmo, Scoville - APPROVED

Outreach Arts: to award contract for \$16,000 for six 1-3 minute webisodes featuring problem gambling composites for website that providers can access. Hoffmann motion to approve, Holt second - AYE: Hoffman, Holt, Canada, Bruder, Anselmo, Scoville - APPROVED

APGSA, NCCG Conventions: For your information. No action required and none taken. July 10-11, 2015 in Baltimore. David Geier is likely to attend.

Agenda #4: Ad Dollars from Lottery budget, RFP, new outreach contract

Creating Family Choices: to approve and award a contract of \$46,178 for statewide education and outreach in underserved regions to target market and promote GAP program and services, develop summary and build database of contacts, verify efficacy of pilot, and link identified need to local providers. Carried over to April meeting.

Ad dollars from Lottery: \$340,000 from lottery dollars required for education and outreach. There is financial uncertainty for GAP related to the interrelationship between outreach requirements and state aid for direct services to individuals because outreach and education dollars comprise the appropriations for GAP to be spent for therapy only in statutory language.

MOU between GAP and Department of Revenue, Lottery Division Approval: Hoffman motion to approve proposed language, Scoville second - AYE: Hoffman, Holt, Canada, Bruder, Anselmo, Scoville

Agenda #5: Counselor Contract Terms, Provider Manual

Carried over to April meeting

Agenda #6: Expiring Commissioners' Terms

Three expiring terms re-applied with Governor's office (Scoville, Anselmo, Leckband)

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Adjourn 1:40pm

